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THE TRANSFER OF CAPITAL.

Over five and a half millions of dollars in gold have been shipped out of San Francisco to New York in the last two months. In addition to this we know of one note for a million which was paid in New York, and the payee has gone there to use it. Doubtless there are many more such cases. There is not a doubt but that a great deal of capital is being driven out of that state. Now Nevada ought to get some of this money. We can offer as good security, and three times the interest for five millions that New York or any other place can give. Right here at Reno a quarter of a million would build a ditch which would bring 20,000 acres of land, that can now be had for a \$1 25 an acre, up to ten dollars in value, and the water would bring in a revenue of \$75,000 a year. Fifty thousand would build a dam and reduction works, run by water power, which would pay for themselves in two years. Two millions would build a railroad to the Colorado, giving us a competing route and low rates to the big world outside, as well as the shortest route to Virginia, Sutro, Omo, Bodie and rich Southern Nevada, and opening up a vast market for our lumber, hay and grain. Two million would build a line to the Columbia, giving California and Oregon the long desired railroad communication. Either of these schemes would be a paying proposition. There would be no risk or uncertainty. During frequent visits to California, and many conversations with leading capitalists, we have found them favorably disposed towards Nevada, and especially Reno, and there has been a good deal of talk among some of locating here, but thus far it has been only talk. It should be the business of every one interested in this region to post himself, and to be able to talk convincingly on our resources and possibilities, for the smallest among us might be the means of turning the scales in our favor if they hung in doubt. It would pay Reno to open an office in San Francisco, and make it headquarters for men who could influence capital, and get us a few of the crumbs that fall from the rich men's table. Half a dozen live men would be of great value to Reno in such times as these.

CHINESE EXODUS.

The Chinese are daily leaving San Francisco in considerable numbers. Hundreds have already gone to New York and to other cities on the Atlantic seaboard. It is certain that the Chinese quarter of San Francisco will be broken up. The strict enforcement of the health ordinances of San Francisco in Chinatown would make the place too expensive for Chinamen to live in. It would require five times as large an area to hold the Chinese now living in that section of the city as they now occupy, were they required to live in accordance with the city's sanitary regulations. The Chinese cannot get such an extension of their quarter, even were they willing to pay for it. The majority of them would be required to move, simply by enforcing the regulations which have for years been law in San Francisco. Hence, even although they may fear no violence, the Chinese are shrewd enough to see that most of them will be forced to leave their present quarters, and many of them have decided to lose no time in getting away. It is probable that thousands of Chinamen will find employment in the cotton fields of the South next Summer. The New Orleans Chamber of Commerce Friday telegraphed to San Francisco that Chinamen could find employment in Louisiana.

TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE.

The people of this State were wild for the Bland bill because they believed that it would cause silver bullion to rise in value and thus enable many mines now unprofitable to pay dividends. They did not stop to consider that it would be directly contrary to the interests of all the big miners, the brokers and traders to allow silver to come to par. They did not realize the fact that if the law allowed the Bonanza kings to take their bullion to Carson and have less than a dollar's worth coined into legal tender dollars, that the men they passed them on for labor and supplies paid the difference. The argument that everybody had to take them would not hold, because we buy many things for gold, both here and in other countries, and money is like water. It seeks its level all over the world, and every dollar in circulation is trying to get into the great money centers just as every gallon of water in the Sacramento is trying to get into the sea. Some claim that the silver bill has brought subsidiary coin up to par. This is a mistake. That happy effect was produced by another law entirely, which directed the Treasurer to redeem small coins in sums of ten dollars. Over fourteen million dollars have been retired from circulation through this law, and the amount left is really needed and so passes at par. Under the old coinage act only eight and one-half million dollars were coined in eighty years. In the past two years over fifty-four millions have been coined. Nearly three-quarters of this vast sum lies in the vaults. The banks will not receive it on deposit, Congressmen will not take it for salaries, and it has filled the vaults in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco, and new ones have been built for it. Meantime values are unsettled more or less by the inflation, and the country is paying over two millions a year interest on the idle coin which nobody will take and which still accumulates. Congress will soon be asking what shall be done.

WHAT IT WILL COME TO.

The hold which the machine is getting upon the Republican party must cause many thoughtful men to inquire "where is the end?" As long as a party leader is acute enough to see beneath the surface and fall in with the great currents of public thought, the machine is endurable; but when the machinators try to bully or force those powerful undercurrents, they are swept out of sight. The Republican party will not stand it. The rank and file of that great organization are both intelligent and patriotic and they can see through the hollow pretensions of scheming politicians as fast as the machine can publish them. We have seen Gorham rule the party in California to its great discomfiture. Cameron pressed his personal ambition so strongly in the Pennsylvania convention that he overpowered the majority and had himself proclaimed master. Mr. Conkling doubtless accounted last Wednesday week the day of his glory. He ruled the convention of his great state as with a rod of iron. These men think they drew the load from the cannon of public sentiment, but they are mistaken. They only brushed the dust away from the mouth, and when it is touched off next November the boom will not be in the least musical to them. There is nothing sacred about the name under which Republicans vote. It was changed once to "Union" and nobody suffered in the least. If the Conklings and Sharons, Gorhams and Camerons disregard the desires of those they represent, and only consult their own desires and ambitions it will not be hard for the non political voter to change his name once more, and under new leaders march to the ballot box. If the Democratic machine nominates the imbecile Tilden, and the Republican machine the blith-loving Grant, there will be a political revolution and a new party.

WASHBURN VS. DONNELLY.

The above named gentlemen over whom Congress is having a lively fight, are as different as the parties they represent. Washburn was elected to Congress on the Republican ticket, by a handsome majority, and Donnelly claims the seat under technicalities which would make a police court lawyer ashamed of his case. W. D. Washburn is a member of the family which furnished Maine one Governor, Wisconsin another and the U. S. Government the best Representative it has ever had at the French capital. Mr. Washburn is an able man, a solid Republican and a public-spirited citizen. He has built immense flour-mills, saw-mills and railroads. He became somewhat involved a few years ago and made an assignment to his creditors. His property paid dollar for dollar and left a surplus of three hundred thousand dollars. His treatment will make the growing State of Minnesota more solidly anti-Democratic than ever. Donnelly is a short, red-faced, puffy individual, who has boxed the political compass several times. He was a Republican until that party put him in the scales and found how much less he weighed than he thought he did. Then he went to the Assembly as an Independent. Then was defeated for some local office as a Greenbacker. Then went to the State Senate as a Democrat. He is a demagogue of the first water, a long-winded and bombastic agitator. He will be a fine addition to the present Congress, where he will not be at all lonesome.

The New York papers display an ignorance of the ways of the Chinese that is certainly amusing to people familiar with the habits of that peculiar race. Thus the New York Herald of Wednesday, in reference to the expected influx of Chinese from San Francisco, had the following:

The announcement that several hundred of the latter are on their way to New York has caused general satisfaction among boarding house keepers, who expect to reap a rich harvest.

How badly those boarding house keepers will be disappointed. They evidently think that each Chinaman will take a private room, and pay the Christian rate for board.

The first number of the Carson Times, a new daily paper, will be issued on the tenth instant. E. Niles of Carson, well and favorably known to our citizens, will be the editor and publisher. His aim is to make a bright and new paper. It will be a small sheet, at the start, but Mr. Niles hopes to enlarge it. The paper will begin its existence with a good list of paying subscribers. As its proprietor is popular in Carson, and has the ability to make an interesting and able paper, his enterprise can hardly fail to be a success. Reno merchants who desire to advertise in Carson, or to know what is going on at the capital, would do well to patronize the Times.

Cleveland, Ohio, was visited by a violent gale at one o'clock Friday morning, which blew down several houses and brick walls, and demolished many windows. But the worst thing the storm did was to lift the roof off the Cleveland Female Seminary, where seventy young ladies were sleeping. The spectacle of seventy young ladies fleeing from the ruins in very scanty clothing must have been peculiarly pitiful, considering, too, the tremendous wind that was blowing at the time. Let us hope that the Bishop's seminary in Reno may never be visited by a similar catastrophe.

The Bodie Standard says "S. J. Tilden owns the Nevada Central, but Tilden's name is kept in the background; and, in fact, all the 'New York parties' are kept in the background, except General James H. Ledlie, President and Superintendent;

Robert L. S. Hall, Treasurer, and Lyman Bridges, Chief Engineer." This is all stuff. The names of the "New York parties" are given in full on their letter heads, and there is no secret about who built the road.

Now it turns out that L. F. Gannon, the ruffian leader of the Workingmen in San Francisco, the Gannon who talked of reducing the city to ashes and of roasting the bodies of those who opposed him—that this brazen-throated, brass-lunged scoundrel used to be known as a low bummer and vagrant of Victoria, B. C. He is still a bummer and vagrant, brought into prominence as a representative of the vicious minority in San Francisco.

The report of the Reno public school published in another column to-day, shows a high general average of attendance this winter, the percentage for all the departments being 91.66. The old school house is very much crowded. Every foot of space is occupied in several of the rooms. It is unlikely that the new school house will be occupied until after the first of May. The grounds require fencing and grading, and the building itself is not yet finished.

It is reported to us that parties are exhibiting samples of ores, which they claim came from mines near Reno, when in reality they get them from points far away from here. Any one who is guilty of selling stock by such misrepresentations is liable to prosecution. There is no surer or quicker way to kill any of our promising districts than such practices as this. The Gazette will expose without pity any one detected in it.

There is trouble in the Democratic camp. Bayard's friends believe that it was Tilden who caused Bayard's secession speech to be exhumed and republished. Now they propose to take over Samny's record, and to have a Democratic discussion of the cipher dispatches, the railroad and income taxes, and other of his little peccadilloes. While they are about it, they might take a look into the "bar'l."

The manufacture of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and postal cards, says the New York Sun, has become an immense business. The aggregate value of these different articles for the last fiscal year was \$29,538,950.92, according to the official report, of which twenty-eight and a half million were for general use, and about a million for official purposes.

Canadian legs seem ill-adapted to tread the ways of royalty, or, to put it differently, the customs of the British court are unsuited to the severe climate of Ottawa. Speaker McPherson dined with Lord Lorne in Rideau hall, the other day, and the change from trousers to silk stockings and knee breeches gave him such a violent cold that he has since been unable to attend to his duties.

J. D. Connelly was a Workingmen's candidate and was elected a Justice of the Peace in San Francisco. This Workingmen's Justice quarreled with John Doyle in a saloon on Montgomery street on Tuesday evening, and his Honor stabbed Doyle with a dirk. The wound was not mortal, and the Magistrate, on his way to prison, said he was sorry he had not killed Doyle.

The first number of the Carson Times has not yet appeared, but already the Silver State has called it a railroad organ, etc., apparently for no other reason than because Mr. Niles, the proprietor of the Times, used to be in the employ of the V. & T. railroad company. Mr. Niles declares his independence of railroad influences in a card published in yesterday's Tribune.

C. W. Hymer, who is under sentence of death for the murder of T. K. West in Paradise last May, has lost faith in

Providence. He had nearly dug his way out of the Winnemucca jail on Tuesday morning, when the jailer heard him and prevented his escape. Under a profound conviction, Hymer has said: "God is against me, for had not the wind ceased blowing, I would certainly have succeeded."

It is rumored that the Argonaut will shortly suspend publication, its patronage not being sufficient to justify a continuance of its publication. —Carson Tribune.

The rumor is unfounded. The Argonaut paid from the start, and its support is constantly increasing. The publishers have some idea of issuing a daily Argonaut.

The U. S. Circuit Court, in the case of a San Francisco drummer arrested in Virginia City for doing business without a license, has endorsed the State "Drummer Law." The drumming fraternity will probably carry the case, or a similar one, to the Supreme Court of the United States.

John W. Mackay has bought out J. C. Flood's interest in the Comstock mines. The amount of the purchase is said to be over \$5,000,000. Mr. Mackay is represented as saying that he thinks the brightest days of the Comstock are yet to come.

An exchange complains that the girls are not availing themselves of their leap year privileges. It thinks the girls ought to "fly around" and spend their money on the young fellows; that the boys need a financial rest.

The people of San Francisco ought to make Kearney ridiculous. They ought to disgrace him. If he came to Reno to erect a gallows to hang our business men upon, they would mildly but firmly give him a coat of tar and feathers.

"At Queensville, British Columbia on the 15th of February, the thermometer was 36 degrees below zero, and the cold strengthening."

Wonder where the mercury went to when the cold got quite strong and hearty.

The news comes from Kentucky that there is less old whisky there now than there has been for many years. What is the reason of this? Can the most of it have been "bar'l'd" for Tilden's use next fall.

General Grant means to return to the United States from Mexico by the way of San Francisco. His next reception at the Bay will be a tame affair compared to the last.

Municipal tickets in the large towns of Maine have been generally carried by the Republicans in the recent elections. The party has gained in strength there since Garcelen's fiasco.

The Battle Mountain Messenger has enlarged and appears in a new dress. The town is going ahead and its newspaper is bound to keep up with the progress of the place.

A. S. Borie, for some months Secretary of the Navy under Grant's Administration, and who died recently, left the General \$10,000 by a will that has just been admitted to probate.

A. Sutro has resigned the Superintendency of the Sutro Tunnel. His successor has not yet been appointed.

The Black Wattle is being introduced in California. It is a valuable tree for several purposes.

The San Francisco papers have dropped the subject of Reno's \$800 deposit in that city.

The Nevada Monthly for March will be out by the fifteenth or sooner.

The Chicago Mining-Review is enlarged and improved.

The Miserable Life of the Czar.

A writer in the Voltaire, who signs himself "Un Russe," paints a deplorable picture of the terrors by which the Czar is haunted and of the precautions taken to secure his person from injury. At one time the Emperor of all the Russias was in the habit of wearing a coat of mail, very delicate and supple, but, unable to endure the weight, he has abandoned this sort of safety. His uniforms, however, are now specially prepared, and are said to be steeped in a peculiar wash which renders them bullet proof. The carriages and sledges used by the monarch are also plated with iron, and such is the mysterious secrecy with which he is surrounded that even the most trusted policemen are ignorant half an hour beforehand in what direction he is going. The cook is watched at his work by two special employees, and the kitchen door is guarded by two sentinels. The viands are tasted by experts, and only offered to the Czar when they are convinced that no poison is lurking in them. Fond as he is of a good cigar, the Emperor is obliged, from similar motives of prudence, to forego the pleasure of smoking. Such is said to be the life of the greatest autocrat in the world, who must now and then envy the lot even of the meanest of his subjects.

An Entirely New Fish Story.

WILLIAMSPORT, (Pa.), Feb. 22.—As J. F. Porter of the European House, this city, was opening an unusually large oyster, on Wednesday last, he was astonished to see something jump out and alight in a pail of water, where it swam and darted about as lively as a trout in a brook. There was only a part of the oyster in the shell, the rest having been devoured. The strange object that had inhabited the shell was fished out of the pail of water. It proved to be a bright-eyed, odd-looking fish, of a description never seen nor heard of in these parts. It is three inches long. From over each eye an ugly looking horn, half an inch long, protrudes at nearly right angles. It has small appendages on each side of its head, which might pass for ears. Immediately behind these is a wing-like fin, on each side of the body, which is smooth and covered with brilliant black spots. Mr. Parker has placed this curiosity in an aquarium.

A Hasty Match.

John Gorham visited the St. Louis House of the good shepherd, picked out the best-looking young woman among the inmates, told her that he owned a well stocked farm, and proposed marriage. She asked for a few days to think the matter over, but he said "now or never" as he meant to take a wife home that afternoon. So she consented and went out to buy some clothes. She met her affianced husband in the street, while shopping, and did not recognize him; but he introduced himself anew, and hurried her to a clergyman, who performed the ceremony.

Horses Afflicted With Small-Pox.

A telegram from Montreal says: The small-pox which has broken out among the horses excites less alarm as the nature of the disease becomes known. Montreal was visited by it in February, 1877, when it was not as prominent as at present, it having spread considerably of late. It is not fatal, but is a cutaneous affection known as variola equina. It is easily communicated to man, but never with any more disastrous effect than is experienced from the ordinary vaccination of a human being with the cow virus.

Big Locomotives.

From the N. Y. Sun.

The largest passenger engine ever made in this country was shipped from the Rogers Locomotive Works, Patterson, on Saturday. It is for the Missouri Pacific, and one of an order for six of the same kind. It is built for heavy loads and great speed, and has 19 inch cylinders and weighs 36 tons. The Danforth works also sent a very heavy freight locomotive for the Central Pacific, which is the seventh of an order for twenty.

A Miner's Inch of Water.

A miner's inch of water is a quantity that will flow through an inch aperture with a free discharge, and under a constant pressure of six inches above the top of the opening. An aperture 12 1/4 by 15 1/4 inches, under pressure of six above the top of the opening, will discharge 300 inches.

THE NOMINATIONS.

The GAZETTE stands in the comfortable position of the lady who watched the fight between her husband and the bear. We want to see the best man win. Calmly and philosophically we stand in the clear atmosphere of distance and neutrality, beholding with equanimity the contending factions. The politicians are becoming excited and the interest deepens daily. Long leaders appear in the papers and the booms of the candidates echo from Maine to Kalamazoo. Neither party has a leader, and nobody can find a principle to fight or vote for. There are still three months to wait and many and great changes are liable to occur in that time. At present Grant and Blaine are far ahead on the Republican side. That by no means shows either will succeed. Anyone who analyzes the feeling of the community, or even of a few of his neighbors will find that the prejudices in favor of Grant and Blaine spring from the same cause. Their admirers are the men who want a lively campaign. They want spirit and strength in the fight. Then, too there are those who think that if Grant is elected and the Democrats try to throw any obstacles in his way he will quietly take the reins of Government from the hands of Mr. Hayes, and with the army behind him, ask what they are going to do about it. Then he would make a strong Government. Now suppose neither Grant nor Blaine gets a majority on the second or third ballot, what will be done? Men will pause and consider. Then there may arise a new man and a new combination, and Mr. Washburne or Mr. Garfield, or some other good man may come to the front much more strongly than any one thinks of now. Tilden is sure of the New York delegation. Thurman has not as strong a western support as was expected. Hendricks will press his claims, and if defeated, Indiana will go Republican. On the whole, Grant and Tilden are selling first choice, with Blaine and Thurman close seconds, and a dangerous field on both sides.

THE RULE OF NEWS.

The complicated conditions of modern society renders it difficult, at times, to decide where the acts of men cross the line between public and private life. Newspapers generally go by the rule that anything that happens is theirs to publish if they are so inclined, and the public sustains them. This rule often offends the parties who are so unfortunate as to figure unfavorably in the papers. A man stopped the editor of this paper on the street corner last Saturday evening and asked why the GAZETTE cast slurs upon him. It appeared from his conversation, which was somewhat profane and angry, that he did not like the GAZETTE's account of the recent wrestling hippodrome. He probably expected the principals to be described as models of symmetry and manly grace, and their elephantine pullings and tumbings as herculean exhibitions of strength. We are always inclined to be accommodating, especially to gentlemen, and would take especial pains to deal tenderly with the feelings of any one who is sensitive, if he make his wishes known, but when a man accompanies such a request with the words "G—d—you, now you'll get hurt if you mention my name again", the inducement to oblige him is entirely removed. We told the wrathful man that whenever he was concerned in any matter of public importance, or in anything in which our readers took an interest, that he would not be omitted. He shrieked "Well now I warn you, you will get hurt." We remarked to him that he undertook to hurt a smaller man than the deponent once, and he got hurt the worst himself. This innocent statement, instead of acting like oil upon the troubled waters as we expected, drove the poor man frantic, and he showered epithets and threats all over the editor, the paper, and anyone who ever read or heard of it, using such language as would render any man entirely unworthy of notice, except for the fact that among the listeners were many strangers, who must have been very much astonished, to say the least. When a man takes advantage of the strength of a bull to use the language of a blackguard, he shows himself to be a coward. No names are given, because the man is probably heartily ashamed of himself by this time, as he certainly should be.

AN INCORRECT REPORT.

The following card appeared last evening in the Virginia Chronicle. We deem it entirely unnecessary to add anything to it, as the citizens of Reno were well aware of the facts before. We were by no means inclined to let any one in the state misunderstand the matter. We have never made any attempt to conceal any part of our business which concerned the public, and if the GAZETTE, or any part of it, ever becomes the property of others, we will not run it for an hour as our own. The policy and attitude of the paper has not in all cases suited all of our friends, and there may have been times when a different course would have been advisable, but right or wrong, we have done exactly what we were compelled to do by the light we had. The card is as follows.

"EDITOR EVENING CHRONICLE—Sir: I desire with your permission to contradict a report that is being circulated in Virginia City to the effect that the Reno Evening GAZETTE is owned, in whole or in part, by the Central Pacific Railroad Company. I bought the paper because I wanted to build up a business and have a home, without being obliged to travel, and I have conducted the paper with that object steadily in view. Since I have owned it no company or corporation has been interested in its success or failure to the extent of one dollar, nor have they contributed or dictated a line in its editorial columns, or attempted to control its policy in the slightest degree. I can convince anyone who has the curiosity or interest to call upon me of the truth of this statement in twenty minutes. Respectfully,

R. L. FULTON,
Proprietor GAZETTE.

A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

In San Francisco there has been organized a Citizen's Protective Union. A lengthy address to the people of that city, emanating from the organization, but bearing no signature, appeared in the Call of yesterday. The following extracts convey its general tenor and purport:

"The drills in secret places, the nightly tramp in the streets of irregular armed forces, accompanied by the arrogant threats of violence by their leaders, is an intolerable menace to the peace and well-being of society."

"If no harm is intended, there will be no more threats, and the display of force will be henceforth confined to public parades in the open day."

"The city wants peace, and it is our purpose to give it that tranquility which will assure renewed prosperity, and again place it in the highway of its grand destiny."

"For the vicious and reckless men, few in number, but devilish in their designs, who have organized for evil and in their secret halls are planning mischief to the people who have too generously tolerated their presence in this city, we have no word either of counsel or warning. But let no man be deceived. Whoever would begin riot, violence, or a conflagration, let him first count the cost. The honest unemployed and the deserving poor have the sympathy of all just men, and the appeals of those in want have always been met with a generous response throughout California, and so it will be now."

THE RUMORED SALE.

If the V. & T. R. R. has sold out to the Central Pacific, it does not look much as if the Carson Times had been started by that company. Perhaps this is a straw from which we can gain an idea of the truth or falsehood of the rumor. Mr. Niles is an old and valued employee of the company, and he ought to be in a position to know whether such a move was in contemplation or not. He would certainly be foolish if he took such an important step without advising with his friends, and to whom would he more naturally go for counsel than to such successful and far-seeing business men as his old employer Yerington, and his old associates Laughton and Mason. If these men knew a change was coming and refrained from saying, "Wait a month, Niles," or giving him any hint at all, they did a mean trick, as mean as the men who have been tearing up the dirt because Niles saw fit to start a paper at all. We don't believe that either of the gentlemen would do it, and we don't believe the Central Pacific has bought the road. They like to have small roads scattered about. The effect on legislation is good.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

This morning's Enterprise, received as the GAZETTE goes to press, gives credit to a report that a sale of the V. & T. railroad to the C. P. is being negotiated.

Major Reno has not yet availed himself of the official permission to resign.

THE PLACE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Central Committee will meet on the 23rd instant, and will issue a call for a State Convention. At the instance of leading Democrats of Washoe county, we suggest that the Convention be held in Reno. The place is a railroad center, has first-class and ample hotel accommodations, good public halls, excellent whiskey, and receives the Virginia Evening Chronicle three hours after publication. These are advantages which should influence the Committee.

We are authorized to state that should the Democratic Convention be held in Reno, the Nevada Theatre will be at its disposal, free of charge, and also commodious committee rooms in the same building. The Nevada Theatre is one of the best public halls in the state.

There are many good Democrats in Reno, and should the Convention be held here, delegates will receive every attention. No extortion will be practiced by hotel proprietors.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Prof. J. G. Lemmon, the well-known botanist, writes to the GAZETTE that he is about to start out for Arizona on a plant-hunting expedition. During the winter he has been engaged in assorting and arranging collections of California plants, and within the last few weeks the plants selected and labeled by him numbered over 4,000. He says with the true spirit of a man in earnest: "I am very tired, but still glad to be able to work hard enough to become so." The Professor will soon be wandering over the Arizona deserts, and will discover a new plant with as much exultation as a prospector feels when he finds a bonanza.

We received on Monday from the New York Herald office, two subscription sheets, with the request that they be circulated in Reno. The Herald will publish the names of every contributor who gives over twenty-five cents, with his residence and former residence in Ireland. Over three hundred people in Ireland are said by the Herald to be starving. Surely everyone in Reno can give a little, if it is only two bits. The money will be honestly expended for the relief of sufferers.

U. S. troops are being concentrated at San Francisco, and the armories are kept under strong guard. The arms of one regiment have been placed in the old City Hall for safe keeping. It is believed that the Chinese in the city have represented to the government that they were in danger from the Workingmen, and that, in consequence, these precautions have been taken, and preparations made to quell a riot. But the Call, with all its caution, apprehends no danger, so that no bloodshed need be expected.

A bright and pretty young school girl read at the Reform Club meeting last Saturday evening something about the hanging of somebody by the neck until he was dead. The selection was a wretched thing in point of literary merit, but aside from defects, was peculiarly unhappy for such a child to read. It is rather a delicate subject to touch upon, but we felt constrained to say a word in deprecation of the bad taste which chose such a reading for a child.

The Ute chiefs at Washington have signed a treaty with the Government. They cede their reservation in Colorado to the United States, one quarter section (160 acres) of agricultural land and a like quantity of grazing land to each head of a family, and one-half of this quantity to each single person, being set apart for the settlement of the Indians. This degrades the Indian nearly to the level of the common white man, to whom the government gives the right to take up 160 acres of public land.

George William Curtis, the distinguished editor of Harper's Weekly, one of the most respected Republicans, is strongly opposed to the nomination of Grant. He believes that the Grant movement is due to a clique of self-seeking politicians, and that should Grant be nominated he will be defeated, and the Republican party disorganized.

The hints that have been whispered about the Democratic camp in relation to Tilden's physical incapacity are now

explained. Since the last Presidential election, Samuel's knuckles have been augmented by very stiff. It is feared that this would interfere with the writing of cypher dispatches to an extent that might allow the present "Fraudulent Administration" to be succeeded by one of like political complexion.

Little interest is taken in the walking match between O'Leary and Weston, at San Francisco, and the attendance is small. The match is generally considered a "hippodrome." The contestants are soon to start on a trip to Australia. At 2 p. m. Tuesday the alleged score stood: O'Leary, 148; Weston, 134.

A news dispatch reads: "Thomas Boyd, twenty-three years of age, yesterday accomplished the feat of jumping from the bridge which spans the Ohio at Louisville into the falls below, a distance of one hundred feet." This is unsatisfying. It is no feat to jump off a bridge. Anybody can do that. The subsequent proceedings of Boyd are what we want to learn.

Should the three hundred thousand starving Irish all die before the New York Herald collects a dollar for each of them, and remits, the money might be used to defray their funeral expenses. Perhaps Bennett has a Herald Grand National Wake in view.

An Ogden girl gave her lover an embroidered motto, bearing the words "God is Love." He hung it tenderly upon the wall at the foot of his bed, and beneath it another, of his own handiwork, inscribed "And Don't You Forget It."

St. Petersburg is getting to be a lively place to live in. Dynamite explosions are of frequent occurrence, and a policeman is shot by Nihilists every day or two. Five thousand arrests have been made since the Winter Palace explosion.

Captain T. G. Taylor, who was spoken of as the probable successor of Sutro in the superintendency of the Sutro Tunnel, returned to the Comstock yesterday. So far as he knew, no Superintendent had been appointed in Sutro's place.

The Democratic State Central Committee will meet in Virginia City at 11 a. m. on March 23rd. A Convention will be called, to elect six delegates to the National Convention, to be held at Cincinnati June 22.

A wholesale dry goods establishment at St. Paul, Minn., was consumed by fire on Sunday, with most of its contents. The building cost \$90,000 and was filled with goods to the value of \$850,00.

Hoole & Elliott, late co-owners of the Bodie News, have dissolved partnership. S. F. Hoole is now sole proprietor.

A Strange Incident of the Carnival.

Roman Letter to the London Standard.

In the procession was a bouquet of such colossal proportions that nine children, whose heads, encased in monstrous representations of melons, lemons, oranges, and the like, rose above the surface of the flowers, were concealed within the recesses of it. The entire machine was carried on the shoulders of four stout fellows, dressed like Swiss peasants—opera peasants; and very hard work must their task have been. A singular incident occurred in the midst of the maddest of the revel. In the Via Nazionale is the new American church, with its lofty and pretty tower and peal of bells. And while the surging crowd which filled the vast street were shouting, laughing, and flinging their flowers a *qui mieux mieux*, the American bells began to ring out their call to afternoon service—uselessly, for assuredly few or no worshippers could have made their way to the church. But the effect produced on the crowd was characteristic. The first sounds were greeted with an enormous shout of laughter; then the people began to hiss. The bells were promptly silenced.

LIST OF LETTERS.

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Brodr, L	Lawson, Miss H E
Campbell, G W	Lipson, J
Davis, Alva M	Merryfield, H
Dempsey, John	Murray, Wm
Dickie, W L	McHugh, C B
Forbes, J A	McNeason, Mrs
Forbes, Jim	McAnron, Margrete
Guinn, J W	O'Neill, Elizabeth
Harris, Mrs W	Pierce, Geo
Herrick, G R	Pyrie, E E
Heydt, Mr	Roberson, C E
Handerman, Mrs	Thomas, Mrs A
Hickman, Wm—2	Wheeler, Jim

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BLOWING UP FLIES.

How Two Boys Experimented With Flies and Gun-Powder, and the Result.

From the New York Times.

It is a painful commentary on the presumption of the man who serenely parades himself as the discoverer of the fact that gunpowder will kill flies, that the only result of his alleged discovery has been the blasting of a very respectable and valuable deacon. This deacon resides in a Connecticut village, and is in the possession of a bald head of a very devout and venerable appearance. Naturally, he suffers a great deal from flies, who, with the malicious and irreverent habit of their kind, take pleasure in holding balls and parties on his head. His two sons—boys of tender years, but of remarkable enterprise—heard the deacon read aloud some time since from his favorite county paper the gunpowder device for the extermination of flies. He soon forgot all about it, but his boys remembered it. They hated flies, and they loved their father. They could not bear to see his beloved scalp danced over by wicked flies, and they resolved to try the gunpowder experiment, merely as an expression of their filial affections. The deacon is in the habit of sleeping soundly in his chair every Sunday afternoon, and last Sunday the boys seized the opportunity thus offered to them, and softly dropped a little molasses on the exact top of his head. Around this bait they heaped up a little circle of gunpowder. They could not afford to buy much powder, but they made a quarter of a pound go as far as it would, and there is no doubt that they would have willingly lavished an entire pound in the sacred cause of filial devotion, if they had been able to procure it. In a short time the deacon's head was black with flies. The youngest boy says that there was "mornamillion" of them, but perhaps he exaggerates. At any rate, when the match was deliberately applied to the powder not a fly escaped, and had there been more, no doubt they would have shared the same fate.

Of course, the boys meant well, and we should blame, not them, but the writer of the letter which suggested to them their kindly-intended but disastrous scheme. They are still expiating their errors in dark rooms, lying exclusively on their faces, and wondering how their mother ever developed so much strength of arm. The deacon will probably recover in the course of the winter, provided erysipelas does not set in, but his left ear vanished with the flies, and it is doubtful if he will ever regain the use of his eyes. In case he should recover, he intends to find out the man who wrote the letter concerning gunpowder and flies, and to hold a short interview with him. He is a large and muscular deacon, and he will infallibly keep his word.

Fishes and Feminine Beauty.

From Mr. Faraday's Essay on "The Mind of Fishes."

It was the blennies who manifested that appreciation of feminine beauty to which I have alluded. They were generally indifferent to the presence of spectators. On the occasion in question I had the honor of conducting a number of young ladies, pupils from one of our principal schools, round the exhibition. It is necessary to say that the young ladies were merging into womanhood and were exceedingly good looking. No sooner had we arrived before the blenny tank than one of the fish, happening to turn his head, caught sight of the unusual spectacle, and instantly rushed to the front. Other blennies, attracted by his sudden movement, turned round and followed, and speedily every blenny in the tank (there were some hundreds in all) was pressing his nose against the glass, and a row of gleaming eyes was seen, expressing such intense and unmistakable admiration and amazement that some of my fair companions actually blushed.

It is the Cat.

Mt. Vernon Correspondent Springfield Republican.

It is touching to know that after Washington's death his widow shut herself up in a room just above his, because it had a window that looks directly upon his tomb—the old one of course—and she seldom left it until her death a year and a half after. She had a pet cat, and for its accommodation had a hole cut in the door. Once a guide spoke of this, and to point a moral in walked a big gray cat—"and there's the cat now," said somebody in all good faith. "Yes, just seventy-eight years old," said the guide, without a smile, and they bolted it whole. In this room is one original piece of furniture, an old wash-stand used by Mrs. Washington. But even the really old furniture wears a dreadfully new look—it is so varnished and rubbed up.

A Thoughtful and Timely Suggestion.

From the Susanville Advocate.

An excellent suggestion has been made, which is that when there is a fire, the church or court house bells should be rung. A fire occurs and only those in the immediate neighborhood know it, while, if the bells were rung, the alarm would be general, and consequently there would be more persons to render assistance.

RAILROAD NEGOTIATIONS.

The Report Concerning the Sale of the V. & T. Road to the C. P. Co.

Sacramento Correspondence of the Virginia Enterprise.

There is a great deal of earnest, if subdued, talk in railroad circles here, about a proposed change in the ownership of your Virginia and Truckee railroad. It is said here (and in very high financial quarters) that for some weeks negotiations have been pending between the owners of the Central Pacific and D. O. Mills to transfer the little road to the big corporation. The reasons given for the sale are that Mr. Mills has materially increased his great fortune in the East during the past eight months; that the business prospect in the East suits him better than in the West; that the profits of the road do not compensate, in his estimation, for the care required in managing the property, and more than all, that the opposition and abuse of a part of your people which stands out like a perpetual threat aimed at him, has decided him to seek more congenial fields. Again, steel rails have advanced so much in price, that he can dispose of the rails ordered last year for the southern extension of his road at an advance of \$60,000 over their cost. On the other hand, the Central Pacific company can merge the Virginia and Truckee road into the Central Pacific, which will make it a branch of the Continental line and take it out of the power of the State Legislature to legislate specially against it; it can dispense with a great many officers and employees; can remove their shops from Carson and do their work at Wadsworth or Truckee; can revive the lumber interests of Truckee and withdraw for use on other roads its surplus rolling stock of the Virginia and Truckee. This sale will effectually kill the extension of the road south, and will be a heavy blow to my Bodie friends. I am not very well posted, but it looks as though the transfer can not help but be a heavy blow upon Carson, and the wood and lumber interests of that region.

Extension of the Central Pacific Railway System.

NEW YORK, March 8th.—A Times Louisville, Ky., special says: The fact has leaked out here that the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line has been purchased by C. P. Huntington & Co., who will use it in conjunction with the great Central Pacific system. This air line, which extends from Louisville to St. Louis, was to be built partly by the aid of county subscriptions, as well as by the capital of its projectors. The road will, when completed, traverse the richest part of Indiana and Illinois, connecting at St. Louis with the Huntington Central Pacific interests, and at Louisville with the Louisville and Cincinnati Railroad, at whose terminal point, Mt. Sterling, it will join the Chesapeake and Ohio, thus giving the Central Pacific people an immense line of road, extending from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. Laborers are now hard at work grading the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio from Huntington to Mt. Sterling, a distance of eighty miles. This extension will be finished by next fall.

Human Bones in Solid Rock.

From the New York Tribune.

Here are bones for geologists to pick. St. Louis is having a new sewer made through solid lime-stone rock, twelve feet below the street level. Near the substratum of the rock the workmen have come upon two human feet, firmly planted in the rock. The calf of the left leg can be traced, but the other foot possesses only a part of the ankle. They occupy natural positions, as if the creature that owned them had been standing erect in the mud that hardened into limestone. No traces of the body are visible. Persons who have seen the fossils do not doubt that they are immediately related to some departed human being. Hardly more credible or less incredible is the statement that workmen boring a well, near Athens, Ga. have found a perfect iron wedge, such as rail-splitters used, in the middle of a solid blue granite rock, forty-six feet under ground. There is many a scientist who will wish he had been one of the workmen. Like the frogs that are said sometimes to jump from the centre of a rent rock, the wedge was in a perfect state of preservation.

Sunday Evening in Leadville.

The inconvenience of using the same building for a theatre and a church has been proved in Leadville. On Sunday the Opera House is the place of worship of St. George's Episcopal Congregation. And to satisfy the advanced ideas of Leadville a sacred concert was given in the evening, not of the New York kind, with an overture to begin and an opera bouffe to end with, but a solid orthodox sermon by way of introduction, and such music as Abt's "Evening Hymn," and the Doxology. Nevertheless, the congregation overflowed the dramatic dressing-rooms, trod the properties under foot, and put historic art out of countenance for the ensuing week.

A Terrible Explosion.

An explosion in the artillery barracks at Santiago, Chile, killed twenty-one persons and destroyed a portion of the buildings used for the manufacture of shells, etc. Several persons are missing.

AN INLAND STORM.

A Destructive Gale in California Valleys—A Church Moved from Its Foundation.

WILLOWS, Colusa Co., March 8.—The typhoon which prevailed here to-day was very destructive to property as far as heard from. The wind-storm increased in violence rapidly after 8 o'clock and by 11 o'clock it was blowing a terrific gale, which continued until after sundown. But between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. our people were panic stricken and hardly knew where to go or what to do for safety. The Methodist church building was moved some ten or twelve inches, and carried over until the foundation walls were crushed and the whole building was materially injured. The Colusa Lumber Company's warehouse was badly wrecked. When the wind had reached its height the front fire-wall of the Central Hotel, about fifty feet in length and three feet in height, fell two stories and smashed the verandah the whole length of the building. The northeast corner of Jones & Co.'s brick warehouse for a distance of sixty or eighty feet was blown down, which gave the wind a chance to unroof the whole building. Mr. Jones estimates his damage at \$4000. The north side of the immense warehouse of Harden brothers, at Maxwell, was blown down, and the roof was badly wrecked; damage estimated at \$400. The barn of I. S. Devenneck, two miles west of Willows, was completely wrecked. Signs, porches, and out-houses were strewn in every direction, entailing great loss, but, as far as could be ascertained, no lives were lost, although the loss of property must be immense.

THE NORTHERN IN NAPA VALLEY.

NAPA, Napa Co., Cal., Mch. 8.—The severest norther ever known in this valley, commenced blowing yesterday forenoon, developing into a strong gale last night. In Napa the damage done was slight, only a few signs being blown down and some sheds unroofed or blown down, wind-mills injured and fences prostrated. Large oak trees in the track of the gale were uprooted, or wrenched off like pine stems a few feet above the ground.

AN Act of Singular Benevolence.

A tender-hearted stranger of well-to-do exterior, passing by the broad stone steps of Warsaw Cathedral, perceived a poorly dressed woman crouched at their feet, weeping loudly and wringing her hands in deep tribulation. Touched by her evident distress, he stopped and asked what was the matter. "Kind, gracious Sir" replied the sobbing woman, I am the most unfortunate creature in the world. I want to get my baby christened, but the Pope demands two roubles, and I have not a single copeck. "Is that all?" observed the pitiful stranger; "take this five-rouble note, go straight to the Pope, pay him his christening fee, and bring me out the three roubles change." With joyful promptitude the recipient of his bounty, entered the church, whence she presently emerged with three silver roubles, which she handed over to her benefactor, expressing her heart-felt gratitude for his timely succor, and her surprise at his apparently disinterested kindness. "My good woman," answered the philanthropist, with a beaming smile, "your astonishment is uncalled for. You see, I am one of those people who cannot bear to contemplate the unhappiness of their fellow creatures. I must always see joyous faces around me. Besides everybody concerned in this transaction is profited by it. The pope has got his fee, your child will be christened, your mind is at ease, and I have received three good silver roubles from a benevolent action and—a bad five-rouble note!"

Nothing In It.

We would advise the press not to get excited over the reported new railroads, one to run north from Battle Mountain and the other from Austin south-west. There is nothing in it. Two sheets of legal cap paper have been spoiled. That, and nothing more.—*Reveille*.

We would advise the *Reveille* to keep within the bounds of truth and not go to libeling new enterprises before it knows anything about them. For some reason or other it was hostile to the Nevada Central, and now it commences on the new roads before they get fairly started.

Papers like the *Reveille* are the kind that are needed in a young State like Nevada. They help to build up the country so fast, the only trouble is they build the wrong way.

Railroads are what Nevada needs, and when a paper cries them down, on the start there is generally something the matter with the paper or the men who control it. Notwithstanding the false assertions of the *Reveille* we are going to have two new railroads before long, the surveys being now at work on the Nevada Southern, and as soon as General Leslie returns from the East a party will take the field north.—*Messenger*.

Long Roots.

It is generally supposed that the roots of grass do not penetrate very deep, but these roots have been traced as far down into the soil as four feet. Persons plowing for seedling think that just loosening the surface is sufficient, but if deep plowing is necessary for any kind of crops it is for grass, unless the soil has been deeply worked for other crops.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

The Execution of Colby at Santa Cruz—A Speech From the Gallows—His Dying Request.

Agreeably to an order of the Supreme Court, Charlie Colby was executed at Santa Cruz at 2 P. M., March 5th. A vast concourse was present to witness the execution, numbering some 1,500. The execution passed off quietly. Colby was apparently the least excited of any in the crowd. His neck was not broken, owing to the slipping of the rope to the back of his neck, consequently he died by slow strangulation, his chest heaving at regular intervals for some twelve minutes, otherwise he showed no struggles. Colby appeared cool and collected, and chatted with friends who paid him visits of courtesy and condolence. He passed the last night of his existence, so far as is known, in a tranquil and refreshing sleep.

The morning of the execution he said to a reporter: "I hope you will do me justice."

As I have not had justice done me; but that is all right. Society requires its offerings at stated times, and if my death is required I yield it up cheerfully, as others have done before me. If it only serves to put the community on its guard against hasty judgments and perjured testimony, I shall feel amply compensated. My elder brother yielded up his life to appease an angry rabble, and why not I? Placing a document in the reporter's hands, he said: "Please take a copy of my dying statement and make it public. The original I wish my friend Flagg here to take, to send to the religious press in the East."

Colby's statement, which is quite lengthy, is to the purport that he was the victim of perjured evidence, mob outcry and a badly managed defence. It also contains considerable rambling matter regarding the failure of justice in general, etc. When the

DEATH WARRANT

was about to be read to him in the jail Colby was the coolest one present. He calmly lit his cigar, saying, "Shall I take my hat off? Well, no, I won't," suiting the action by replacing it. He marched bravely to the scaffold and mounted it without assistance. On facing the gaping crowd that had gathered round the ropes Sheriff Dakin introduced him, saying: "I hope the present solemn occasion will be a warning to all to refrain from the indulgence of their angry passions and be a lesson to be forever remembered." Colby then commenced

A RAMBLING ADDRESS

to the assembled crowd, stating that he had no animosity or ill-will toward Williams; that he was a humane man himself who would not imbrue his hands in the blood of any living man but in self-defence; that he had no ill-will or hate against any one; that his was a judicial murder, etc. As he proceeded it was evident that his coolness and self-possession were fast failing him, in spite of his efforts to appear calm. After rambling for some time longer Sheriff Dakin interrupted him with the remark to be brief. After a time he was recommended to close, Dakin saying that he would give him five minutes more; but he claimed the privilege of an American citizen to express his mind freely, denouncing it as a judicial murder. He paid his respects to the Vigilance Committee organized to lynch him when he was taken to San Jose for safety, saying that they would have done justice by him. He kept on talking until the cap was drawn down over his face and the trap sprung.

The remains were buried the following day in the Pottersfield, according to his request, appended below:

About 11 o'clock A. M., Colby sent word to the County Clerk that he had a last request to make, and wished it placed on file in the office, as follows: "Know all men by these presents, that I, Charles Colby, of the county of Santa Cruz, State of California, believing that I am to be executed this day, and desiring that after my death my body may rest in peace, do make this my last request and solemn protest, and ask that my body may be decently buried and forever remain so, and that no mutilation or examination of my body be permitted, in the interest of science or otherwise."

An Intolerant Young Man.

At Breckenridge, Colorado, February 27th, Charles Leonard, 22 years old, was shot dead by Harvey Cole. A party of young men were together at the time, and it seems that Cole advanced some opinions that did not meet with Leonard's approbation, and the latter so informed him. A discussion ensued for a minute or two, when, to the surprise of all, Cole drew a gun, and leveling it at the heart of Leonard, deliberately fired, killing him instantly. A slight attempt was made to escape, but the murderer was overpowered by his companions, who at once placed him in custody.

A Mormon Beast.

The sheriff of Cache county, Utah, has brought to Salt Lake City a Mormon Elder by the name of Pitkin, who has confessed to the heinous crime of incest with his 12-year-old daughter, which has been kept up for the past four years. Lynching was threatened by his neighbors, and he was brought to Salt Lake for safety. He is now in the Penitentiary. He has a wife and a married daughter.

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DIPHTHERIA.

Its Nature and Symptoms—Different Methods of Treatment—Importance Of Ventilation and Cleanliness.

In view of the fact that diphtheria has made its appearance in our city, we have determined to make through the medium of your journal a few observations concerning the symptoms, cause, and means of prevention of this much dreaded scourge. The primary seat of the disease is usually in the tonsils and palate or the parts contiguous to these structures, and first manifests itself in irregular patches, varying in color from white to grey. This membrane consists of effused lymph, and may become so abundant as to seriously obstruct respiration. Associated with this condition, there are symptoms of a general character, such as fever, great muscular weakness, nervousness, and in some cases delirium.

That the disease is contagious there can be but little doubt, yet this is disputed by eminent authorities. The period of incubation is probably from three to four days. Recurrence in the same individual is not the rule, and recurrent cases are not so severe as the original attack. It may be concluded, beyond a doubt, that certain infectious diseases are induced in the system by a morbid agent which is propagated in and given off from the bodies of the sick, and which is capable when received into a healthy body of producing in that body a similar disease. This is the germ-theory of disease, and diphtheria may be classed with those diseases. Now, have we any means of destroying these germs?

Of course it is not to be presumed that we have; otherwise we should be masters of the situation, and diphtheria would be shorn of its terrors. But that sulphur does possess this property, to a very considerable extent, we can not doubt, and we do not hesitate to recommend it as a valuable agent for this purpose. Though it may not be a specific, it yet possesses sufficient value to be worthy of a trial.

There are various ways in which sulphur may be used: closing the house and burning it so as to thoroughly fumigate the rooms, and giving it internally with syrup in quantities sufficient to act as a mild laxative; and, better than either, in the form of sulphurous acid properly diluted, either internally or by spraying the throat.

In addition to the means indicated, great care must be used to preserve proper ventilation of our houses, removing all decaying vegetable or animal matters, and thoroughly renovating and cleansing all sinks, drains and cess-pools. Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of maintaining perfect cleanliness of the person, and to this end frequent bathing is necessary. The diet should be regulated so as to maintain a healthy condition of the secretions.

By observing the rules indicated, together with such hygienic and sanitary means as good sense will dictate, we believe that many lives may be saved.

MEDICO.

Reno, March 8th, 1880.

Satisfaction After 28 Years.

There is a little Indian blood in Plummer, the elocutionist, and he says that it shows in his cheek bones and his recollection of an injury. Once, when he was a mere boy, in his native town of Maine, a man threw a shovelful of salt in his face. The boy swore vengeance on the coward. Twenty-eight years afterwards, he was traveling through the state, having acquired a reputation, when the salt-shoveler came to him and said:

"Weren't you born in the town of —? Seems to me I remember you as a boy that used to run about the wharves there."

"Yes," says Plummer, "I was. And seems to me I remember you as a man who shoveled salt there. Take that, d—n you."

When the Professor left the spot, there were black and blue rings around the salt-shoveler's eyes.

The Pullman Family's Car.

Mrs. George M. Pullman, wife of the inventor of sleeping cars, with two children and several Chicago ladies arrived here Monday in a special car attached to the Pacific express train. The party remained in Reno until morning, and then went west with the Reno and San Francisco passenger train. The car was a model of comfort and elegance. It was parlor, sleeping and hotel car in one. The windows were of the finest plate glass, and were fully three feet in width. The car was fitted with every convenience that ingenuity could devise, and decorated throughout in the most artistic manner. Bouquets of fresh flowers were displayed in vases upon the tables. Pullman evidently believes in making his family comfortable when they travel.

Roll of Honor.

The following names appear on the roll of honor for the month just closed at the Wadsworth school:

Clara Jordan, Tina Raphael, Annie Blandell, Belle Pope, Carrie Raphael, William Braisher, George Blandell, Walter McPherson, Wm. Gladding and John Dunn. Total number enrolled 40; average standing 75 per cent. L. S. BURCHARD, teacher.

SPARRING FOR CRUB.

Abe Hartley's Experience with Two Hungry Dead Beats Last Saturday Night.

About half past twelve o'clock last Saturday night, two strangers entered Abe Hartley's restaurant and ordered dinner, "The best four-bit dinner" the house could furnish. The waiter ran over the bill of fare, and they gave their orders. While the dinner was being cooked, the waiter deposited a loaf of French bread and two saucers of butter on the table. Before dinner was served, the strangers had devoured all the bread and butter, by way of taking the edge off their appetite. Observing the consumption of the bread and butter, the waiter put on the table another loaf and more butter. Presently dinner was served and dispatched, the strangers making a clean sweep of everything eatable on the table. Then they sauntered out of the door, and one of them, throwing four bits on the counter, said:

"That's right, ain't it?" "That's right for you, but I want my pay from the other man."

"Don't give me any back talk. I don't want any of your back change," said the man who had paid Hartley stepped between the men and the door, insisting on the payment of the other four bits due, when one of the fellows pulled a six-shooter and thrust it in Hartley's face, at the same time making an offensive statement in regard to Hartley's pedigree. The restaurant promptly clutched the pistol and with some assistance pushed both the men into the street.

Subsequently Hartley, accompanied by Martin Sanders and others, found the fellows in Al. White's saloon, but the man who had drawn on Abe denied having a pistol.

"If you haven't got a pistol in that hip pocket," said Abe, "I'll set up the drinks for the crowd."

The man turned the pocket inside out, as also his other pockets. He had no pistol. Abe thought of the yard of French bread, the four plates of butter, the big dinner the fellows had eaten, the way he had been bilked by the strangers, and he felt poor, but he "set up the drinks." There were about twenty-five men present. All took something, including the strangers.

Shortly afterwards, the missing pistol was discovered in one of Al. White's back rooms, where one of Abe's two hungry customers had hidden it. They were both arrested on a charge of exhibiting a deadly weapon.

A House-Breaker Captured.

Charlie Sing, the Chinaman who robbed Mr. Prescott's house last Monday, was captured by Constable Avery at Chamberlain's station, near Milford, Lassen county, on Saturday night. The stolen property, consisting of a gold watch, chain, bracelets, etc., was all recovered. Sing committed the robbery about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and by daylight the next morning had walked 28 miles over the northern road, at that time heavy with snow and mud. When he arrived at Chamberlain's on Saturday, he traded the stolen watch for a horse, but the animal bucked him at the first start he made, and the Chinaman was too weak to push on any further. He was in the kitchen at the station when Avery arrived. He knew the officer at once but made no resistance. Avery brought him to town, and Monday he was examined before Justice Young, and held to answer on a charge of house-breaking. Sing has been twice in jail before.

Democratic State Central Committee.

The following gentlemen compose the Democratic State Central Committee: At large: W. S. Thompson, of Storey; E. Blennerhasset, of Lyon; Cohn H. Dennis, of Elko, and M. R. Ehamblin and George W. Cassidy, of Cureka. By counties: Ormsby, P. A. vanauagh, Jr.; Douglas, Dr. E. D. Black; White Pine, Peter Webber; Eureka, Dav. E. Baily; Lyon, W. N. Battersby; Esmeralda, J. N. Farnwell; Nye, Woodson Garrard; Churchill, W. C. Grimes; Washoe, Ross Lewers; Lincoln, George T. Gorman, Humboldt, L. W. Greenwell; Lander, Geo. F. Dinmore; Elko, J. R. E. Dapp; Storey, A. J. Mahanny.

The Chairman of the Committee is E. Blennerhasset, and the Secretary A. J. Mahanny.

Home Again.

Frank Currier is now the telegraph operator at the railroad depot in Gold Hill, says the News, in place of Mr. Bell, who has a call elsewhere. Frank is one of our grown up Comstock young men, raised and educated here, and has been employed as telegraph operator at Huffer's and other stations along the road for a year or two. He feels pleased to get back among his old friends and relatives again.

Out of Breath.

The train pulled up at the station, and the automatic air pump on the locomotive began to work, making its peculiar puffing sound. "The engine is out of breath," remarked a little girl on the platform.

PROFESSOR PLUMMER.

Who is the Homeliest Man?—The Contest for the Prize at the Entertainment Tuesday Evening.

Professor Plummer gave one of his characteristic entertainments Tuesday night in the Reform Club Hall. His humorous recitations elicited many hearty laughs. Several of them were delivered in appropriate costume, which greatly added to their effectiveness. The sermon from the text of "Old Mother Hubbard" brought down the house. The pathetic yarn of the old sailor brought tears to the eyes of several of his hearers. All the Professor's selections were happily delivered, and the interest of the audience was sustained to the last. The Professor takes high rank as an elocutionist, and his recitations never fail to please.

A feature of last night's entertainment was the presentation of a volume of Whittier's poems to "the homeliest man" in the audience. When the programme was nearly exhausted, Professor Plummer announced that nominations were in order. Lawyer Cain made the first nomination. He spoke as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen: It gives me great pleasure to present to you the name of a gentleman, whose claims I am sure you will at once recognize. I have the honor to place in nomination, my brother in the law, ex-Senator Boardman. (Cheers.)

Mr. Boardman—Ladies and gentlemen: I beg to assure you that I did not seek this nomination. I am not a candidate for anything. There are many gentlemen present whose merits I believe much greater than my own. I thank my learned friend for the honor he has done me, but I feel that he himself has greater claims to your consideration than any I can present. I beg to nominate Mr. Cain. (Prolonged cheering.)

Mr. Beck—I feel obliged, ladies and gentlemen, to enter my solemn protest against these nominations that have been made. I believe there has been a plot in the interest of the candidates who have been named; that there has been a Machine at work. The qualifications of the gentlemen mentioned are too slight to entitle either of them to the award. There is a gentleman present whom I could name, but will not—(cries of "Go on") one whom I consider fairly entitled to the prize (a voice, "Name him")—I refer to Ohio's gallant son, Robert L. Fulton. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Fulton—I beg leave to decline the nomination. I am deeply sensible of the compliment just conferred upon me, but I cannot take any part in the contest. My voice is for Mr. Boardman. (Cries of "No.")

Mr. Lake said that he had no sympathy with the clique that was trying to foist Mr. Boardman on the audience. "It is true," said he, "that Mr. Boardman is homely, but the homeliness of Mr. Beck is altogether of a higher order. I nominate Mr. Beck." (Groans from the Boardman faction.)

Mr. Hagerman was the next speaker. He expressed dissatisfaction with all the nominations that had been made, and believed that he could present a more deserving candidate than any of them. "I submit it," he concluded, "the name of my young Blue-nose friend, Mr. Lawson." (Great applause.)

Mr. Lawson said his nomination was unexpected. He protested, with diffidence, that it was also undeserved. There were present several much older gentlemen, whose homeliness was more mature and more picturesque than his own. He begged leave to resign in favor of Mr. Lake. (Loud cheering.)

One of Mr. Beck's supporters moved that nominations cease. The resolution was seconded, put and carried. Professor Plummer then called upon the audience to choose by open vote, the most deserving candidate, presenting the name of each in turn. The election resulted in an overwhelming majority for Mr. Beck.

The presentation was made by the Professor in a neat speech. He felt sure, he said, that the audience had chosen wisely. A finer specimen of Gothic homeliness than was exhibited by the successful candidate he had never beheld. It was true that Mr. Boardman's was a fine specimen of the Egyptian type, as was Mr. Lake's of the Composite order, but for his part, he preferred the Gothic.

Mr. Beck accepted the prize with becoming modesty, and made some happy remarks that were designed to soothe the defeated candidates. He thanked the audience for the distinction conferred upon him, and would try to make himself more worthy of it as he grew older. He had no intention of shutting out future competition. He believed there were many homelier men in Reno, and proposed to submit the question to the next Reform Club meeting. He believed that a larger audience would decide differently, and he was unwilling, for his own part, to retain an honor to which he considered another man better entitled. (Loud and prolonged cheering. The meeting broke up amidst cries of "Fulton," "Lake" and "Boardman.")

THE STEAM WAGONS.

Their Chances For Success or Failure on the Sandy Roads of Nevada.

A GAZETTE reporter boarded a delayed freight train Tuesday morning and went to Wadsworth with the idea of getting information in regard to the roads over which the new steam road wagons are to be run. John Traynor, who does a large freight business to Ione and Grantsville, was the first man interviewed. He expressed a very positive belief that their success was impossible, unless they have rails to run on. He says there are several places from 22 to 25 miles without water, and in other places the water is so impregnated with alkali as to be unfit for steaming purposes.

IF WELLS ARE DUG

they will have to be very deep in places. The Stockton well on the Sutro road is over 100 feet deep. Ione is 120 miles from Wadsworth, and there is an average of about three tons of freight a day. M. D. Apperson has big teams on the Belleville route. He says there is one run of 32 miles without water. He has barrels fastened on the side of every wagon and has to often hire men to haul water to his teams. The bridge across the Carson (100 feet long) is not a strong one, and there are many smaller ones over ditches, etc., where a heavy engine would go in. He is convinced that the wagons will swamp in the sand pits which abound in several parts of the route. Fuel is very scarce all the way down, but this difficulty could be removed by loading the wagon with wood from the nut pine mountains on their return trip and unloading it at stations where needed. There are six tons a day to Belleville, 140 miles. Four teams run from Wadsworth to Ione and twelve to Belleville.

One of Plummer's Sharp Retorts.

Those who are personally acquainted with Prof. Plummer, and know how much he dislikes "Shop Talk" in private circles, will appreciate the following:

Plummer was quietly conversing with several gentlemen, when a disciple of Dunderbary tapped him on the shoulder, and in a patronizing tone said: "I beg pardon, but ain't you the gentleman who makes faces?"

Plummer took a deliberate survey of his dandyship, and quietly said: "Pardon me, but isn't it the man that makes brains you're looking for?"

The Reno Foundry.

The Reno Foundry is getting all the work that the establishment with its present facilities can turn out. Mr. Fournier says that he can make castings so much cheaper than they can be imported from San Francisco, that the local trade is bound to come to him. He is turning out stove castings for thirty cents that cost sixty in the city. He is getting ahead steadily all the time. He deserves success if ever any business man did, for a more hard-working, persevering or enterprising man never engaged in business here.

A Letter from Candalaria.

Abrams Bros. have received a letter from Jack Wyatt, who recently went from Reno to Candalaria to engage in the saloon business. Jack writes that Candalaria is lively and money plentiful there. The prices of all kinds of merchandise are high. Shirts such as are sold at the White House for \$2 50 bring \$5 in Candalaria, and other things in the same proportion. Jack says that the only thing cheap in the camp is board. A good meal can be had for four bits. Wyatt's barroom is now open and he thinks he will do a fine saloon business.

Look Out for Them.

Bogus \$5 pieces are being circulated in Sacramento. The coin has the right sound, is exact in weight and size, very finely executed, gold plated, of the dates 1844, 1847 and 1875. These pieces, the Reform-Union says, are the product of a company which executes its work in ships at sea, originally on the Spanish coast. The composition of the piece is an alloy of platinum and silver, heavily gilded. French and English coin is also imitated by the same parties.

A Notice From the W. T. U.

Resolved, that whereas it has come to our notice that parties are advertising and offering for sale tickets for a Masquerade Ball, purporting to be under the auspices of the Women's Temperance Union:

Resolved, that as such persons are acting without authority or consent of the W. T. U., that we will not be responsible for any bills that may be contracted by the parties managing said ball. By order of W. T. U.

Maine News.

Hop Bitters, which are advertised in our columns, are a sure cure for ague, biliousness and kidney complaints. Those who use them say they cannot be too highly recommended. Those afflicted should give them a fair trial, and will become thereby enthusiastic in the praise of their curative qualities. —Portland Argus.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

A Trout Canning Establishment at Wadsworth—An Interesting Experiment.

Fish canning has become one of the solid industries of the Pacific coast, and the wonder is that the surplus trout taken from the Truckee and Pyramid during the fish season, are not preserved in that way. A short time ago the nicest kind of Pyramid Lake trout sold for six cents a pound, and many were thrown away. Then they went to eight, then to ten, and not enough to be had at that price. Now there is not half catch enough to fill orders, and ere summer there will be no fresh trout. E. Griswold, one of the largest fish dealers in Wadsworth, has undertaken the task of ascertaining whether the business of canning Truckee trout cannot be made to pay. He has a steam pump and boiler connected with tanks, where he steams the trout until they are cooked. Then they are put into cans,

THE SAME AS SALMON,

so familiar to all. Those who have tried them say they preserve all the delicacies of the fresh fish, and that steaming is such an excellent way of cooking them, that the canned trout are better than any that can be shipped to distant points and then cooked in the ordinary way. Mr. Griswold will put up 2,000 cans, neatly labeled, and if they go well, the establishment will be continued with increased capacity. The only fear is that the cost will be too great. The fish cut away over fifty per cent., and with first cost at ten cents, the bare meat will run up to sixteen or seventeen cents. The wholesale price of the canned trout will have to be very near a half dollar a can to make it self sustaining. It is feared that the demand will not be very large at those figures.

The Cattle Market.

Fourteen car-loads of beef cattle were shipped from Reno Wednesday Six cars were loaded for Hildreth & Humphry of San Francisco, with cattle sold by Crutcher at \$40 per head. Eight carloads were for Grayson, Harold & Co., of Oakland. Their cattle were bought for seven cents.

There were 201 head shipped Wednesday to Hayes, Carrick & Co., of Oakland. Of these, 127 head were Longley's and the others Flint's. They were in Lee's stock corral today and a number of stock men went out to see them. The lot is pronounced one of the finest that was ever sold in the State. The animals are in splendid condition. The prices paid were not mentioned, but it is understood that the stock brought handsome figures.

Mapes has over 300 head of cattle feeding here. No cattle have arrived lately and none are reported on the road.

The shipments of cattle this season are as yet below those of last season, Mr. Lee says.

Reno shipped over the Central Pacific 1,919 head of cattle last month, 909 more than were shipped from Winnemucca during the same period. Last month's shipments from Winnemucca amounted to only about one half the number loaded on the cars there in January, whereas the February export from Reno was greater by 100 head than that of January.

Eleven carloads of beef cattle were shipped Monday. Of these 87 head were shipped by Slaven for Grayson, Harold & Co. of Oakland, sold at seven cents.

L. P. Flint has sold 74 head to Brookes of Oakland to be shipped on Wednesday. They were sold at 7 per head. Longley's cattle, 127 head, will be shipped on the same day, and the two lots will together make 200 as fine beef stock as were ever sent out of Nevada.

A Good Ore Crusher.

The superintendent of the Alexander mine, at Grantsville, went below Tuesday night. He reports the new White crusher, spoken of in the GAZETTE as being put in, to be a success. It crushes four tons an hour and is equal to thirty or forty stamps. Its cost, anywhere near the track, would be about \$5,000. It is an improvement on the English method used at Swansea, only improved a little to suit Nevada. The principle is simple. Five wheels, one inside the other, revolve against iron shoes, two turning one way and three the other. That is, the wheel next the axle turns with it, the one next around it goes the other way, the next one with the axle, the fourth the other way, and the outside one with the axle. The whole are enclosed in a heavy cylinder. The shoes are worn out one set a week. The wheels make 660 revolutions a minute.

Shrewdness and Ability.

Hop Bitters so freely advertised in all the papers, secular and religious, are having a large sale, and are supplanting all other medicines. There is no denying the virtues of the Hop plant, and the proprietors of these Bitters have shown great shrewdness and ability in compounding a Bitters, whose virtues are so palpable to every one's observation. —Examiner and Chronicle.

JUTTINGS.

—Parting salute of the storekeeper "buy buy."

—There is an assessment of 5 cents on Day.

—Sierra Nevada has levied another assessment.

—This would be called back East good sugar weather.

—Sol Levy's goods are coming in, and the ladies are out in force.

—The Haslund children are much better. No other cases of diphtheria are reported.

—Moran took a San Francisco man out to see the Crown Prince mine. He is liable to buy it.

—A company of soldiers went through on the overland train for the west on Saturday night.

—The ladies now use button hooks with handles a foot long. They have back aches.

—The employees of the V. & T. road have been gladdened by a visit from the paymaster.

—His wife wanted some sea salt to bathe the baby. He said, "Well, I've heard of C sugar but never of C salt."

—Men are engaged in putting the boom in place at the gate of Lake & Beck's ditch. It was swept across and partly over the dam.

—P. N. Marker states that the Washoe County Republican Committee will meet at the Justice Court on the 20th inst.

—Bechtel's saloon is a favorite resort of many of the men about town. They find there plenty of room, plenty of good company and plenty to drink and smoke.

—Caldera, the strong man, has gone to Jamison City, Plumas county. He is working in a quartz mill or arasta there. He will return to Reno before the next fair.

—The Juvenile "Old Folks" concerts will be given at the theatre next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Every preparation is being made to make them a success.

—Some of the Reform Club folks have a play in preparation, to be presented to the public at an early date, for the benefit of the Public Library. J. H. Kinkead is the manager.

—Tickets for the Juvenile Old Folks Concerts, to take place next Monday and Tuesday evenings, are for sale at the drug stores. Reserved seats can be secured at the Theatre cigar stand.

—Some one suggests that the young ladies might raise a large Irish relief fund by selling kisses. Should the Reno girls engage in the philanthropic work, the receipt of complimentary at this office will be duly acknowledged.

—The civil case of Mrs. S. E. Huffaker vs. Gladding Bros., tried on Saturday before Justice Griswold of Wadsworth by Attorneys Boardman and Cain, resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for \$26 70.

—The Haslund children were doing well at last accounts. No new cases of diphtheria are reported. Mrs. Elliott's children did not have the disease, and they are both running about as usual.

—Someone was mean enough to poison the white esquimaux dog that Henry Johnson has had about him of late. It was a harmless, playful little animal, and Henry feels very bad over his loss.

—It is reported that one reason why the trout have not come up to Reno is the difficulty they experience in swimming through three dams which the Indians have constructed between this place and Wadsworth. They (the Indians and the dams) should be blown up.

—A kleptomaniac was discovered diminishing a neighbor's wood pile, and upon being accused of it, denied the charge. The evidence was too strong, however. His neighbor said, "John, I don't care so much for the wood as for the lie you told me." John said, "Well boss, supposin' I take back the lie and keep the wood?"

The Reform Club Soiree.

The theatre was well filled on Saturday evening. An especially pleasing programme was presented, consisting of reading, recitations, songs and music. C. S. Varian's address on "Reform" was an able review of some of the great reforms and reformers of history, and embodied some practical home suggestions. Among them was one that the young ladies should ponder over. Mr. Varian said, in effect, that the girls who attend club meetings for pleasure only (dancing and flirting, you know) and not with a view of aiding in the reformation of their fallen brothers, could not be considered reformers—not any. They should sail in and pull the young men out of the mire of cocktails, rum-guns, etc., into which the latter were slowly sinking. The lecturer also remarked that a man who joined the club in order to get votes could hardly be considered a reformer.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, a general vote of thanks was tendered to all who had taken part in it, and a special vote of thanks to Mr. Varian for his address. A leading member of the club was heard to express the opinion that Mrs. Flanagan had provided "the boss" entertainment of the season. The dance that followed was enjoyed by upwards of fifty couples. The evening's receipts were about \$60.

The Oakland Fire.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL AND THE WEBSTER HOUSE.

Value of the Property Destroyed—Insurance.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Mch. 9.

Oakland was visited at an early hour this morning with a disastrous conflagration, in which the Grand Central Hotel—the largest caravansary in the city of Oakland, and one of the largest structures of its kind in the State—and the Webster House, both of which buildings covered the block bounded by Eleventh, Twelfth, Webster and Harrison streets, were totally destroyed. The fire was first discovered by an inmate of the Grand Central Hotel, in the dining room of the establishment, at 2 o'clock in the morning. An alarm was at once sounded on the fire bells, and the guests, of whom the hotel contained about 75, were roused. Naturally enough there was great consternation and confusion among the latter. Everybody made an effort to save whatever property was portable.

The Grand Central Hotel covered a lot 300x50, and was a four-story structure, with mansard roof and tall towers. It was built entirely of wood and other inflammable material. The fire consequently spread through it with great rapidity. A fierce gale from the north which prevailed at the time hastened the doom of destruction. A general alarm of fire followed close on the heels of the first alarm sounded, and the Fire Department turned out in full force. Two hours later it became necessary to sound a third alarm, the fire threatening to spread into adjacent territory and involve a large portion of the city in the conflagration. Those occupying houses in the vicinity hurriedly vacated them, taking with them all their household goods and storing the same in convenient vacant lots. Burning embers and hot ashes were carried before the wind in a dense but fiery bank, and fell in the path of the wind as thick as hail. At 4:10 A. M. the fire communicated with the Webster House, and at a still later hour the roofs of houses on Tenth street were constantly igniting from the shower of sparks that fell and the intense heat thrown out by the burning buildings. Fires also broke out on Seventh and Eighth streets from the same cause. The efforts of the Fire Department were directed mainly to confining the fire to the block in which it originated. It was solely due to these efforts that St. John's Church and Dietz's Opera House, located on Twelfth street opposite the Grand Central, were saved. This morning the site of the two caravansaries is a pile of smoldering ashes, and the danger to the rest of the city is over. In response to an appeal from the Oakland authorities, fire engine No. 3 went over from this city at 4:15 A. M., and did good service in preventing the spreading of the conflagration.

The Grand Central was built by Samuel Merritt and Captain Wilcox. It subsequently passed into the hands of the late Michael Reese, and formed part of the estate left by him. During the litigation which occurred between Dr. Merritt and Captain Wilcox in relation to the property, it came out in the evidence that the building cost \$175,000 and the furniture \$74,000. It was, however, recently offered by the executor of the Reese estate to the State for use as a State Normal School for \$75,000.

Joseph Rosenberg, executor of the estate of Michael Reese, says that the total insurance on the Grand Central amounted to \$85,000, and was divided among 30 or 40 companies. He says the building cost \$175,000 and the furniture \$100,000.

None of the furniture of the Grand Central Hotel was saved. Most of the guests also lost the greater portion of their personal property. Some of them were able to save a few trunks and articles of clothing. The Webster House was owned by Samuel Merritt.

Cheapening Lumber.

The Crystal Peak Lumber company's flume is being extended to the track just below Verdi. It will cross the Truckee on piers, and land wood and lumber right beside the cars. This will give Katz & Henry an advantage of \$2 50 off every thousand feet manufactured, it having cost that amount heretofore to haul in teams from Crystal Peak to Verdi. They have about sixty million feet standing and can cut six million a year. Their business is growing steadily.

Pilgrimages to Buffalo, N. Y.

are made by thousands of invalids annually to consult with the medical and surgical staff of the World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, the largest private sanitarium in the world. All chronic diseases are treated by scientific methods. The practice is divided among nine eminent specialists. Among the most popular domestic medicines in the land are those manufactured by this Association, among which are Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the greatest of alteratives or blood-purifiers, and Dr. Pierce's Pellets (little pills) that have largely superseded the old-fashioned coarse pills. Compound Extract of Smart-Weed is deservedly popular as a remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery, flux, and kindred diseases; also a pain-killer and remedy for colds. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the great remedy for female weakness and associated derangements. Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is the "Old Reliable" Invalids' Guide-Book—10 cents, post-paid. Address: World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., or London, England.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Wood \$18 per cord in Bodie. Bodie has a grand masquerade ball to-morrow night.

The young wheat near Haywards is five inches in length.

One dollar is paid in Wyoming for the right forepaw of a wolf.

Alturas Republicans favor Grant, with Blaine for second choice.

Lux & Miller have put 187 head of Angoras on their Kern county farm.

Cattle are dying of hunger between Winnemucca and Battle Mountain.

The next Oregon State Fair will be held at Salem, commencing July 1, and lasting one week.

The Carson Tribune hears that Senator Sharon is on the way to Nevada from Washington.

Jose Lopez, on trial at Elko for the murder of his companion, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

A \$100,000 mortgage on lands belonging to the stage firm of Cluggage & Parker has been filed for record at Carson.

An Englishman named Stanton is in the Smallpox hospital at San Francisco, afflicted with leprosy contracted in India.

Adin is to have a church, which shall be owned and built by the public, and be free to ministers of all denominations.

In Amador county a turkey, caught under a falling building, sustained life for over two months, but died soon after being released.

The artesian well at the Battle Mountain round house throws a stream six or seven feet high and from a distance looks like a fountain.

Dr. D. W. Kanode of Yolo county, was dangerously wounded last week by the explosion of a gun which he was in the act of loading.

The ladies of Battle Mountain propose to get up a Leap Year party on the 17th for the purpose of purchasing an organ for the lyceum.

Ah Lem, the Chinaman who was shot Friday night at San Rafael while standing in a China cigar store in Chinatown, died Saturday afternoon.

About four hundred Chinamen are grading above the Cienega, Arizona. Their camp looks like a tented army. Several deep grades have already been cut.

Charles W. Lawrence, formerly Mayor of Virginia, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the mouth in that city yesterday. The wound may prove fatal.

A Bodie saddler has spent 23 days over a saddle, and has put \$75 worth of silver upon it. The saddle is valued at \$250, and will probably be raffled off.

John Angel, a solid miner just from Montana, gives it as his opinion that no less than five thousand men will arrive in that country during the next two months.

The bodies of Wm. King and Nephi Asterholdt, who were killed by a snow-slide at Logan, Utah, have been recovered. They were found in snow 12 feet deep.

Wm. H. Workman of Los Angeles has in the orchard attached to his house orange trees, three years from the bud, which are fairly groaning under their load of fruit.

An engine and eighteen coal cars were wrecked on Sunday by the giving way of a trestle at Little Lake, W. T. A man named Stewart, from Nansaimo, was killed and several others injured.

At the Union shaft, on the Comstock, the miners wash their clothes in a settling tub provided for that purpose. About one ton of dirt collects monthly, which yields an average of \$260.

The Weston-O'Leary walking-match opened in San Francisco at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. There was a small attendance at the start. Both men are in excellent condition and each is confident of winning.

Later news from Hamilton, White Pine county, leaves no doubt of the death of Ward and Osburne. The two men are buried in snow fifty feet deep, and a party of thirty men are endeavoring to recover the bodies.

Miners' wages in Utah runs from \$2 50 to \$3 50 per day. A small number of Mormons work in the mines. The church discourages it. Laborers on the surface, at mills, furnaces, etc., receive from \$1 50 to \$1 75 per day.

The Vallejo Chronicle says: The Contra Costa shore is beginning to look fine now in its growing coat of green. The various trees are beginning to bud, and along the shores and banks the different species of ferns and maiden hair are growing in profusion.

A blacksmith of Terrace, on the C. P. R. R., was recently requested by a party of masked men to give up his habit of wife beating. He replied with a bullet, when they fired upon him wounding him in four places. It is thought that he will live to beat his wife again.

A few days ago, says the Carson Valley News, an Indian mahala, learning that her sister had been badly burned near Sheridan that morning, boarded Keyser's heavily-loaded wagon and was proceeding to Sheridan, but, when a short distance above Vansickle's, she fell from the wagon and one of the hind wheels passed over her body, killing her instantly.

CRAZED FROM FRICHT.

A Story of the Emperor Nicholas of Russia.

Of the Emperor Nicholas, who died a quarter of a century ago to-day, a characteristic anecdote is told in the diaries of Privy Councillor Bogvalovski, recently published in St. Petersburg. As he was walking one day he heard a German artisan declare that he would not quit the spot until he had seen the Emperor. The latter went toward him and demanded who he was and what he wished. The German, who did not know the Czar, answered that he was an artisan from Hamburg, and desired to submit a paper describing a new and cheap method of making shoe soles for the army. "Why do you apply direct to the Emperor?" inquired the Czar, "why have you not first addressed yourself to some one about him?" "I wished to do so, and called upon the Chief of Police for the purpose," returned the man, "but his clerk asked me to pay 300 roubles, which is impossible, as I have no money." "Well, my fine fellow," said the Czar, "if you will only transact your business with the Emperor in person, speak up, for I am he." At this unexpected revelation the honest Hamburger was so terrified, that, trembling from head to foot, he fell on his knees. In doing so his hat dropped from his hand. The Emperor's dog, his almost constant companion, seizing the hat, began playing with it. The Emperor contemplated the scene with characteristic pride, hugely relishing the fright of the poor artisan. At last he pulled the hat from the dog's teeth and handing it, smiling, to the still kneeling Hamburger, said, "Do not be alarmed, my friend; give me your paper, I will have it examined. Meanwhile, come to the Palace, where you shall have a pecuniary indemnity for the fright you have suffered." The Hamburger himself went mad from fright, but his family received a regular pension.

To Make Gilt-Edged Butter.

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A Lady's Idea of Good Dancing.

From the New York Tribune.

A young lady who was at the last Star and Garter dance before Lent, begs *The Whitehall Review* to allow her space for a few words on the dancing of dancing men. She wishes to speak of "the grotesque contortions" of many of the young men at Richmond: "The contortions," she says, "are very much on the increase in numbers. If they could only see themselves, they would run away for very shame. Good dancing consists in holding one's self perfectly straight, with shoulders square and head upright, the legs but very slightly bent, the step firm and brisk, and in time with the music. The right hand and arm should be placed around the lady's waist, and not between her shoulders—as the contortionists seem to think—for in dancing the end above all things to be aimed at is gracefulness."

Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from practice having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. nov13-3m.

Murdered, then Thrown in the River.

The body of a man, completely stripped, with a bullet hole through his head and marks of severe blows on his forehead, was found in the Touchet river, Washington Ter., a few miles from Walla Walla, on March 18. His body is now on view for identification. It was evidently stripped in order to destroy his identity. He is supposed to be a cattle man.

The Hay Market.

Mr. Lee informed a reporter that loose hay is getting scarce on the meadows, the stacks having been nearly all cleared away. There is still plenty of baled hay. Prices have advanced somewhat. Loose hay is now worth on the ranches from \$9 to \$10. Baled hay is quoted at \$14 to \$16.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Reno Public School for the month of February, 1880: Mrs. Bourne is General Assistant, hearing classes from three departments.

Names of Teachers.	Department.	No. Boys Enrolled.	No. Girls Enrolled.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Absence.	Total No. of Days Attended.	Total No. of Days Absent.	Percentage of Absence.
Orin Hing.	High and 1st Grammar.	36	34	63.99	36.01	1821	61	3.35
Miss L. A. Royce.	1st Intermediate.	34	33	64	36	1174	117	10.05
Miss E. M. Emery.	2nd Intermediate.	39	31	70	30	1186	97	8.22
Miss F. J. Gibbs.	3rd Primary.	27	33	66.75	33.25	897	78	8.69
Miss E. C. McNeely.	4th Primary.	23	31	68.49	31.51	879	89	10.13
Totals.		159	155	66.73	33.27	5807	448	7.72

The following is the Roll of Honor in the several departments:

HIGH AND GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.
Guy Manning, 93.3; Dick Arrow-smith, 92.1; Flora Northrop, 100; Louis Wintermantel, 98.5; Carrie Sessions, 98.6; S. A. Crow, 92; Plaine Wiley, 94.6; Charlie Clark, 95; Willie Dixon, 92; Geo. McFarlin, 90.6; Fred Gould, 90.6; Amy Mayberry, 98.6; Cora Manning, 98; Kattie Grippeo, 98; Mollie Anderson, 90.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE.
Rachel Fredrick, 97; Zerah Mershon, 96; Emma Hammond, 96; Ella Lam-bert, 93; Willie Gould, 94; Charles Eaton, 94; Estelle Hand, 97; Julia Menke, 94; Willie Biggs, 93; Orinda Palmer, 90; Grace Williams, 90; John Harrison, 95; Gertie Shoemaker, 94; Hattie Rhodes, 94; Marcus Johnson, 90; Emma Haslund, 92; Hattie Lane, 90; Eliza Gamble, 92; Bennie Leete, 90; Charles McFarlin, 90.

MISS L. A. ROYCE, Teacher.
SECOND INTERMEDIATE.
Ira Loomis, 96; Willie Gamble, 95; Jay Harrison, 95; Schuyler Coats, 96; Eugene Lee, 98; Elmer Seaton, 95; Philip Jacobs, 95; Sylvester Treadway, 95; Nellie Lewis, 95; Lou Lewis, 97; Amanda Ayers, 95; Ida Huntaman, 96; Belle Mershon, 96; Lola Ringo, 98; Maud Shirley, 98. ELLEN EMERY, Teacher.

SECOND PRIMARY.
Jennie McFarlin, Mary Greenough, Madeline Hamersmith, Frances Henderson, Mertie Huyck, Bennie Lee, Allie Kinkade, Frankie Coffin, Leland Ayers, James Higgins, Henry Brown, Willie Parker, Alex Raphael, Henry Beck.

Plenty of Hay.
There is abundance of hay in this market to supply all probable demands. Prices remain firm at about the old quotations—\$8 to \$8 50 for loose, and say \$14 for best baled hay. T. K. Hymers, who should be good authority, says there will be no scarcity, but that there will probably be no hay carried over to next season. For the past three years there has been more or less carried over from winter to winter.

A Boisterous Young Man Fined.
Tuesday night Justice Young fined Thos. Kelley \$36 for drawing a pistol in Hartley's restaurant on Sunday night. Kelley paid the fine next day. It appears that he and Dwyer are two Virginia boys who came to Reno on a lark. They got a little exhilarated, and that caused all the trouble. They are not dead-beats, although they were at first supposed to be.

Still Another.
The Reform mine has struck something different from any of the rock heretofore found in the country north of Reno. It is a heavy-looking metal in a matrix of very handsome quartz. There is evidently a good deal of iron in it, but the assays also show silver to the amount of \$35 to the ton. The discovery increases in importance as it is developed. The northern side of town will be very lively this spring. Somebody will build a mill, surely.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

A tramp protected himself from the cold at La Harpe, Ill., by building a complete circle of fire and going to sleep in the enclosure, but he was burned to death.

The school trustees of a Missouri district made a rule that no pupil should attend school on the day after spending a night at a ball. The legality of this measure is to be tested in the courts.

A recent visitor to Jefferson Davis, on his farm at Beauvoir, says that he is hard at work on his memoirs, his cotton crop for next season will reach 1,000 bales, and his wife and nephew, Gen. Joseph Davis, are with him.

The Boston newspapers tell of a stage-struck woman who got a divorce from her husband in order to become an actress, failed dismally behind the footlights, returned to her home and begged to be made a wife again, which was done by a remarriage.

In the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, the ground is frozen so hard that before a grave can be dug great fires have to be made in the church yards, and in some instances, when this expedient proved unavailing, the gravediggers were compelled to use dynamite.

In Paris, lately, a lady visiting a friend wished, on leaving, to put a pet bulldog which was chained up. The dog, from some inexplicable cause, was thrown into an excess of fury; by a tremendous effort he broke his chain and flew at her, actually tearing away the whole of her nose.

The inauguration of the new crematorium at Milan took place on Dec. 26, 1879, under the presidency of Dr. de Christoforis, who is President of the society. The members of the society now number more than 200. During the three years it has existed 48 cremations have taken place.

The Vesuvius railway promises to be soon an accomplished fact. A portion of the rails are already laid, and a number of workmen are daily engaged upon the work. The railway starts from a point situated to the west of the observatory, on that side of the cone which is least seldom subject to streams of lava.

The singular phenomenon has been frequently observed in the mountainous parts of Switzerland, Baden, Bavaria, and elsewhere in Europe, in the course of the current winter, that it has been generally warmer in the elevated districts, on the hills and mountains, than in the plains and valleys.

The Spanish government has ordered the restoration to the parents, with a view to its reinforcement as a Protestant, of the body of a chief at Bilbao, whom the priest had compulsorily buried as a Catholic, on the ground of his having baptized it prior to the father's conversion to Protestantism.

There is one Indian in the Black Hills who comes near being a realization of the ideal savage of yellow-covered literature. He is tall, straight, and has a strong face; he poses in a picturesque costume of fur, red cloth, feathers, and beads, and has an undisputed record of brave deeds. But his unpoetic name is Big Jim.

The Northern Pacific logging camps, situated on the banks of the Yakima river, at the foot of the Cascade range, employ about one hundred and twenty-five men. There will be 100,000,000 feet of logs for ties, bridge timbers and culverts floated down to Yakima river from the Kittitas country this summer and fall.

The five wives of an Indian man are buried side by side. He long desired to place a tombstone at the head of each, but the cost deterred him, until he hit upon an economical method of lettering. On every headstone is the Christian name of a wife only, with an index finger, accompanied by these words: "For epitaph, see large stone."

The Oregon Statesman says that the body of T. J. Stone, who perished in the late snow storm, was found last week about two miles from Puyallup station. It seems that he had started for his home at New Tacoma from where he was at work, and becoming exhausted, sat down on a log and perished. Stone was the third man lost during that storm—two on the Puyallup and one on the Yelm.

George Freeman of Crooked creek, Lake county, Oregon, says that hundreds of cattle have lately come down from their mountain ranges on account of lack of water, and are now gathered in large herds about the head of Albert Lake, where they are liable to starve, should they remain, as feed is scarce there. The cattle are unacquainted with the range, having been raised in Goose Lake Valley.

At the Lynx Creek placers, Arizona, it is said that an honest Mexican has taken out \$333 of fine dust from 600 wheelbarrow loads of gravel. One miner is taking out large quantities of coarse yellow nuggets from his claim, occasionally securing from a single pan of dirt as high as an ounce of coarse gold, worth in San Francisco \$18 per ounce.

Forty-nine head of cattle, belonging to J. R. Withington, were found frozen to death in Cave Valley last week, thirty miles south of Ward, and the end is not yet. Almost everything in the shape of feed is covered up by the snow, and the chances are decidedly against a very large number of cattle in that section living through the winter. About forty head of cattle have also died at or near Round Springs.

A German Method of Horse Shoeing.

The method adopted in Germany for preventing the slipping and falling of horses on the public road is as unique as it is simple. The smith, when finishing the shoe, punches a hole in two ends; as soon as the shoe is made he taps in a screw thread and screws into the shoe, when on the horse's foot, a sharp-pointed stud an inch in length. With shoes thus fitted the horse can travel securely over the worst possible road. When the horse comes to the stable the pointed stud is unscrewed and a button screwed in; no damage can then happen to the horse, and the screw holes are thus prevented from filling up.

Caught in His Own Trap.

While the Duke de la Tremouille, who with the President of the French Republic, has leased the historical hunting grounds of Rambouillet, was shooting there recently, his foot caught in a trap, and he was precipitated into a pit which, by a system of electric wires, communicated with his chateau. He was soon rescued unharmed, but greatly disgusted, inasmuch as he had himself superintended the setting of this and other traps for poachers, and no member of the fraternity had yet been bagged, although poaching was as frequent as ever.

An Egg-Dating Machine.

A hen always kicks backward after laying an egg. A Bridgeport Yankee is reported to have turned this fact to account in inventing a device to prevent the sale of stale eggs. When the hen kicks she hits an electric disk, to which is attached a rubber stamp, and the apparatus stamps the date on the egg.

No Immediate Danger.

"Doctors declare," says the Chicago Journal, "that electric light will eventually destroy the eyesight." When Edison heard the remark, he retired into his innermost laboratory, and when he had shut and locked and put a chain against the door, whispered to himself with a sardonic smile, "first catch your electric light."

A Chinese Brute.

On Thursday near Watsonville, Mrs. Pitcher, wife of the section boss on the Southern Pacific Railroad, just over the San Benito county line, caught her Chinese cook in the act of outraging her little girl. She beat him over the head with an ash-pan, and he came to town covered with blood. He was arrested and taken to San Juan.

Breaking It Gently.

The following message, intended to break bad news gently, was sent to the widow of a man who had just been killed by a railroad accident: "Dear Madam—Your husband is unavoidably detained for the present. To-morrow an undertaker will call upon you with the full particulars."

A rather exciting incident occurred last Tuesday on the C. P. R. R. between Palisade and Carlin. The engineer spied a petticoat on the track some distance ahead, and supposing there was something in it he whistled down brakes and stopped the train. The object was found to be a squaw in a dying condition.

Mrs. Kate Shirlaw, who left her home in San Francisco two weeks ago, was discovered a few days since at Winnemucca, Nevada. She was practically demented, and had wandered away from home in that unfortunate state. Her husband started for Winnemucca Monday, and will bring her home.

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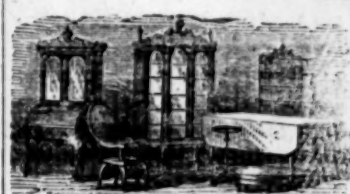
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